

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) Method for the production of endless laminated veneer lumber (LVL), comprising:

abutting an edge of an individual veneer to an edge of another individual veneer and joining the individual veneers with adhesive tape or stitching in the vicinity of the abutments to assemble at least one strand of joined veneers, wherein the abutted edges run parallel to the grain of the individual veneers;

cutting at least one of the strands of joined veneers in a direction parallel to the grain to produce individual extra-wide joined veneers; and

combining a plurality of individual extra-wide joined veneers by layering the individual extra-wide joined veneers to form endless LVL, wherein

the general direction of the abutting edges of the individual veneers forming the individual extra-wide joined veneers comprising the LVL is generally the same, and

wherein the individual extra-wide joined veneers are orientated in the LVL such that the abutting edges are not aligned with each other and are irregularly distributed in a cross-section of the LVL normal to the direction of the abutting edges.

2. (Previously Presented) Method of claim 1, wherein the joining together of the individual veneers to form a strand of joined veneers is performed with untrimmed abutting edges.

3. (Previously Presented) Method of claim 1, wherein the joining of the individual veneers to form a strand of joined veneers for covering layers of a LVL is performed with trimmed abutting edges.

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7. (Currently Amended) Method for producing extra-wide joined veneers comprising the steps of:

a) providing oncoming veneers having a producible ~~width~~ dimension b and grain running transversely one behind the other, wherein a width in the direction across the grain of an oncoming first veneer is different than the width in the direction across the grain of an oncoming second veneer;

b) fastening together abutting edges of the oncoming veneers to form a strand of joined veneers having seams, wherein the seams are generally parallel to the direction of the grain; and

c) repetitively cutting the strand of joined veneers in a direction of the grain to form individual extra-wide joined veneers with a given extra-width (B).

8. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:

d) gluing and pressing individual extra-wide joined veneers combined one over the other and behind one another in a plurality of layers to form endless laminated veneer lumber, the individual extra-wide joined veneers being layered such that the seams are not in line with one another.

9. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 8, wherein step a) is performed with oncoming veneers having trimmed abutting edges for the individual extra-wide joined veneers that form top and bottom cover layers of the endless laminated veneer lumber.

10. (Original) Method according to claim 7, wherein the fastening step includes adhering the veneers together with adhesive tape.

11. (Original) Method according to claim 7, wherein the fastening step includes stitching the veneers together.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Method according to claim 7,~~ A method for producing extra-wide joined veneers comprising the steps of:

a) providing oncoming veneers having a producible dimension b and grain running transversely one behind the other;

b) fastening together abutting edges of the oncoming veneers to form a strand of joined veneers having seams, wherein the seams are generally parallel to the direction of the grain; and

c) repetitively cutting the strand of joined veneers in a direction of the grain to form individual extra-wide joined veneers with a given extra-width (B);

wherein the individual extra-wide joined veneers are cut off in step c) such that the seams are distributed irregularly over the width of the individual extra-wide joined veneers.

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21. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 7,~~ **A method for producing extra-wide joined veneers comprising the steps of:**

a) providing oncoming veneers having a producible dimension b and grain running transversely one behind the other;

b) fastening together abutting edges of the oncoming veneers to form a strand of joined veneers having seams, wherein the seams are generally parallel to the direction of the grain; and

c) repetitively cutting the strand of joined veneers in a direction of the grain to form individual extra-wide joined veneers with a given extra-width (B);

wherein the individual joined veneers have only a single seam.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for the manufacture of endless laminated veneer lumber (LVL), comprising:

providing veneer boards with a producible length b;

bringing together the veneer boards one behind the other so that the veneer boards abut in a direction parallel to the direction of the grain of the veneer boards;

stitching or joining the abutting veneer boards at the location of abutment to form a veneer board strand having seams at the locations of abutment;

cutting an over-wide veneer board of a given length from the veneer board strand in the direction parallel to the grain; and

laying the over-wide veneer board in several layers over and behind one another to form endless LVL such that the seams of the individual over-wide veneer boards are distributed irregularly over the width of the LVL and are not aligned with one another, wherein the grain of the LVL runs parallel to the length of the LVL.